

1. Notebook Entry: Feudalism

2. Explain: Feudalism

Military System Political System

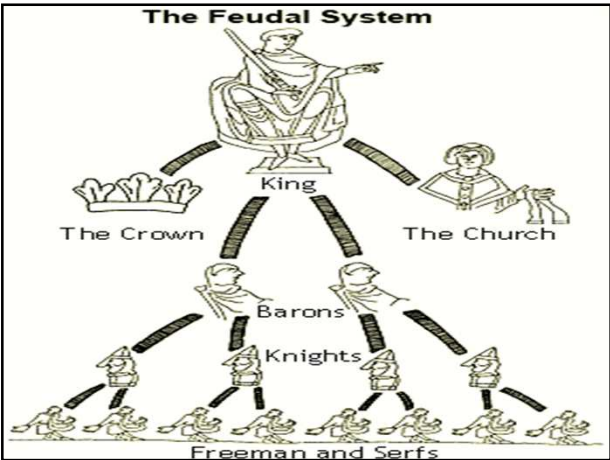
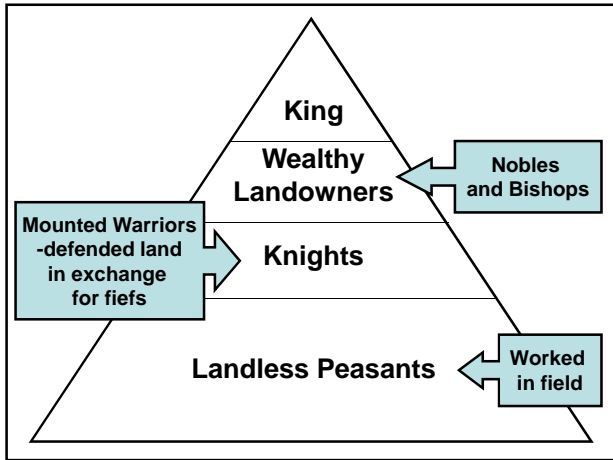
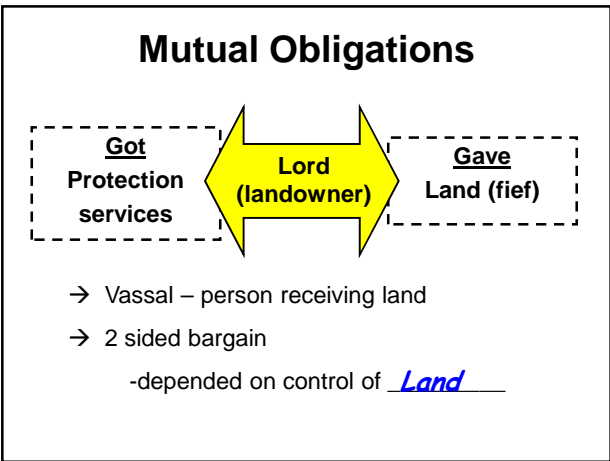
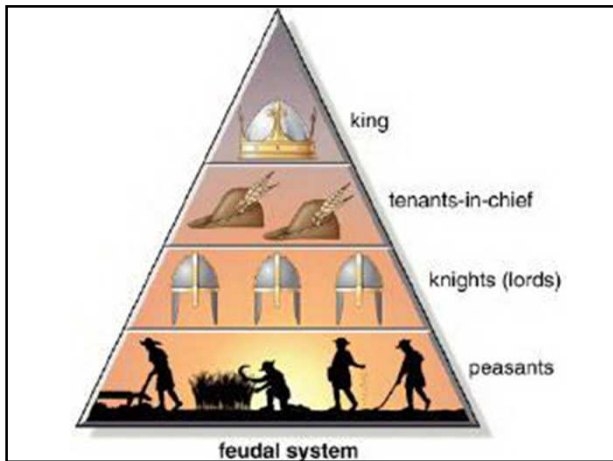
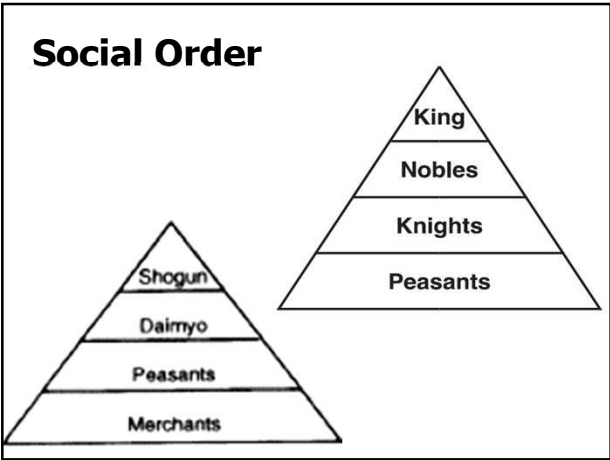
EQ: How does medieval Europe fit our model of a traditional society?

Agriculture, Subsistence, Social Hierarchy, Warfare, Rural, Decentralized Power, Religion, Emphasis on Family

By the end of class are objectives are to:

- analyze feudalism as a military, political, social and economic system
- explain the role of the manor system in the feudal economy

Midterm Exam – Thursday & Friday | Q2 Ends next Monday



Not as simple as it looks

- Relationships not clear-cut
- One noble could be a vassal to several lords
- Conflicting loyalties

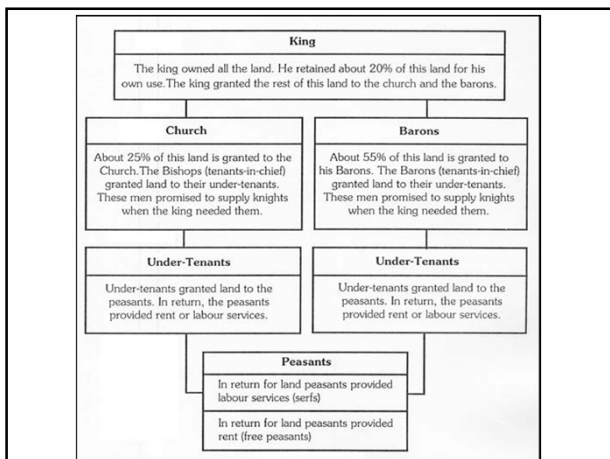
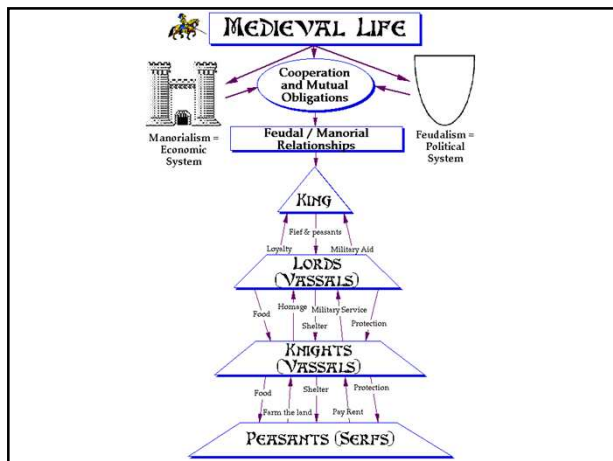
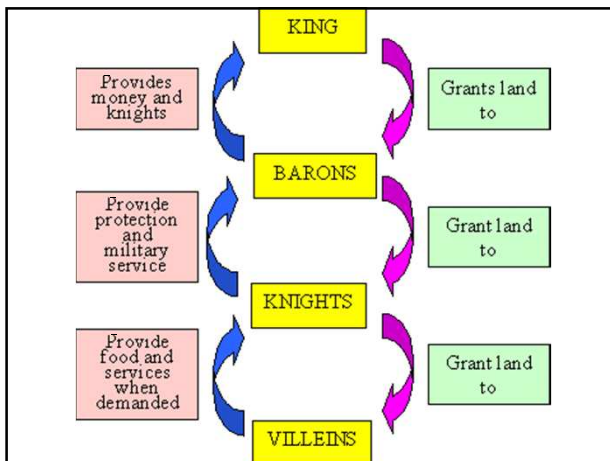
Status determines prestige and power

-class usually inherited

- Those who fought (nobles and knights)
- Those who prayed (men/women of church)
- Those who worked (peasants)

Most peasants were **Serfs**

- could not leave land where born
- not slaves
- could not be bought or sold





Fashion Police

-had to dress according to social class
 -against the law for peasants to wear the clothes of nobles.

Manors

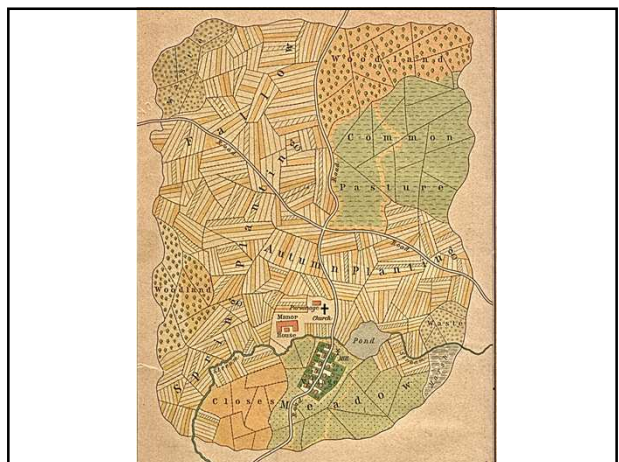
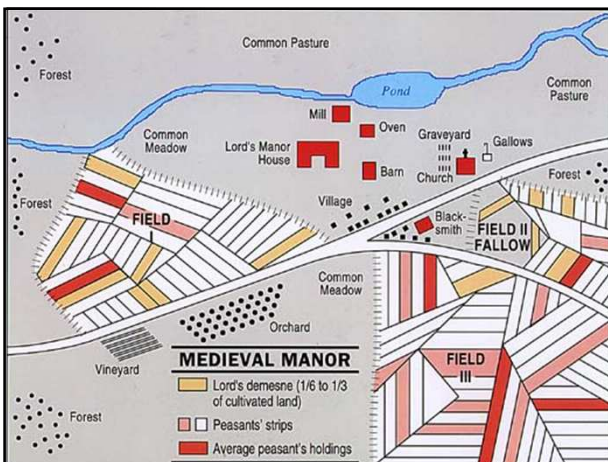
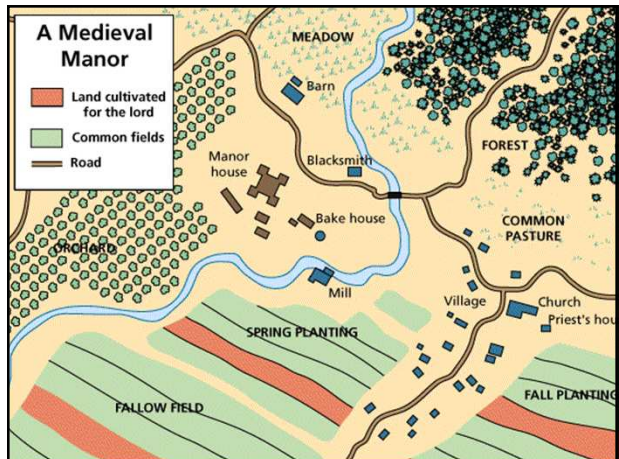
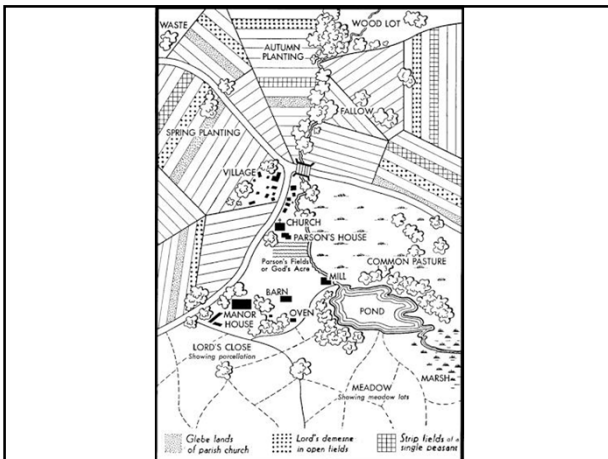
- Lord's estate
- Economic arrangement

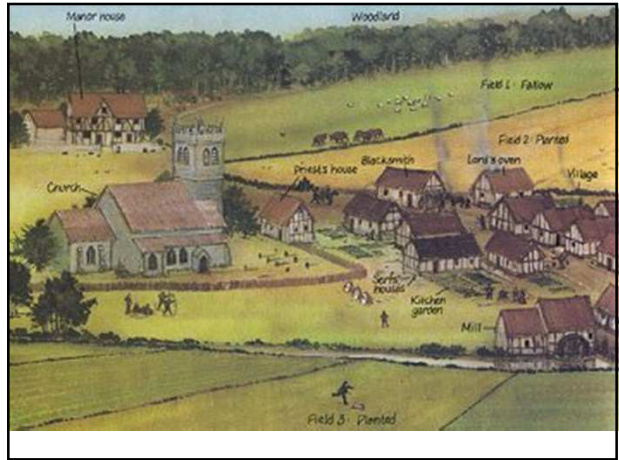
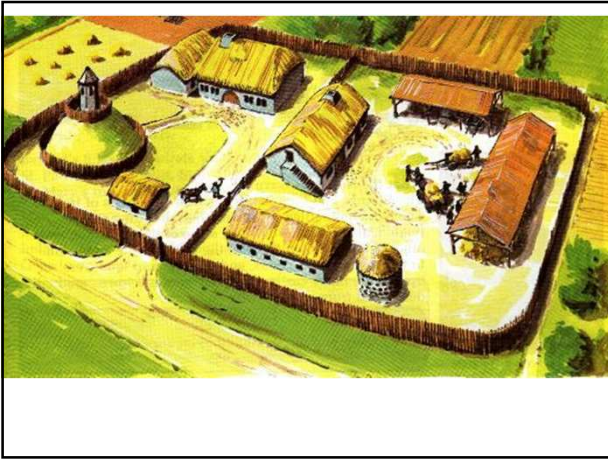
Peasants – Serfs

Tended the lord's land
 -Cared for his animals
 -Performed other tasks
 -Women did farmwork as well
 -Owed labor each week
 -Owed portion of grain

Lord

Provided serfs with housing
 -Strips of farmland
 -Protection from bandits





Peasant Life

- Rarely traveled more than 25 miles from their home
- 15-30 families live in the village on a manor
- Mostly a self-sufficient community
- Paid tax on all grain in the lord's mill
- Baking bread elsewhere was a crime
- Tax on marriage
- Owed the village priest a tithe
- Crowded cottages (1-2 rooms)
- Warmed dirt floor by bringing the pigs inside
- Pile of straw for a bed
- Simple diet: vegetables, bread, grain, cheese, soup

Video

Watch and listen

for evidence and details about
the Feudal System and Manors



How might the decline of trade during the early Middle Ages have contributed to the self-sufficiency of the manor system?

What benefits do you think a medieval manor provided to the serfs who lived there? What were the drawbacks?